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SCHOOL FINANCE MEMORANDUM 99-084

TO: School District Superintendents, Principals, and Head Teachers

FROM: Kristen Jordison

DATE: June 21, 1999

SUBJECT: Preliminary Calculation of Equalization Assistance for Fiscal Year 1999-2000 (APOR 55-1)

Enclosed you will find the **Preliminary Fiscal Year 1999-2000** apportionment report for your school district. This report is provided to help you prepare your Fiscal Year 1999-2000 budget worksheets and budget forms by pulling data, submitted by your district, from multiple sources into one report. Please note however that the data listed on this report is as of May 19, 1999. If your district has made any revisions, corrections, or additions to the data after this date it is NOT included in this report. If your data has changed it will be your responsibility to pull the correct data into your budget. ADE will not be re-issuing this preliminary Fiscal Year 1999-2000 apportionment report (APOR 55-1). Please see the list below for a description of the data used in this report:

Data Sources:

Average Daily Membership (ADM 46-1)

FY 1998-99 100th Day ADM has been used for the FY 1999-2000 Student Count

Special Education Add-ons (SPED 28)

FY 1998-99 100th Day counts has been used for the FY 1999-2000 Add-on Student Counts

Limited English Proficiency (LEPS 10)

FY 1998-99 100th Day counts has been used for the FY 1999-2000 Add-on Student Count

Teacher Experience Index (SDER 96-1)

NOTE: The TEI used in this calculation was based on the SDER report dated 5/6/99.

Transportation Route Report (TRAN 55)

Daily Route Miles & Eligible Students were pulled from the FY 1998-99 Route report. These figures may be adjusted in FY 1999-2000 to reflect changes in data found from the Comparative Miles Report.

Routes Miles for all districts in Maricopa, Pinal, and Yavapai counties have been multiplied by the Non-Alternative Fuel factor of 0.9888. Districts that wish to claim Alternative Fuel Route Miles will be required to provide documentation to ADE.

District Data that remains unchanged:

Status as an Isolated or Non-isolated District
Teacher Compensation
Career Ladder Program
Optional Performance Incentive Program

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Primary Assessed Valuation
SRP Assessed Valuation
Rapid Decline has been calculated for all eligible districts.

Calculations:

This report reflects preliminary calculations of the FY 1999-2000 Revenue Control Limit, Capital Outlay Revenue Limit, Soft Capital Allocation, and Equalization Assistance. The following lists the legislative changes included in this preliminary report:

Base Level Amount:

Laws 1999, 1st Special Session, Chapter 5 defines the base level amount with two "Trigger" amounts (Trigger 1: \$2,578.41, Trigger 2: \$2,597.09, Base w/o any Trigger: \$2,559.93). The highest trigger amount, Trigger 2, has been used in this preliminary report. The highest trigger amount will **NOT** be used to calculate equalization assistance until the criteria have been met for implementation (October 1999). Although it is advised to base your budget on the highest trigger amount, and revise downward if necessary, it is recommend that you do not commit this capacity until it has been finalized.

Add-on Weights:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Weight</u>
K-3	0.050
MD-R, A-R, SMR-R	4.235
OI-R	3.868
ED-P	4.127
MOMR	4.244

Transportation Support Level:

Calculations per A.R.S. §15-945 as amended by Laws 1999, Chapter 168, §4, are included in this preliminary calculation. This will impact districts in Maricopa, Pinal and Yavapai counties. Routes Miles for all districts in Maricopa, Pinal, and Yavapai counties have been multiplied by the Non-Alternative Fuel factor of 0.9888. Districts that wish to claim Alternative Fuel Route Miles will be required to provide documentation to ADE.

Qualifying Tax Rate:

The qualifying tax rate for PSD-8 and 9-12 is \$2.1654. Appropriate tax rate increases have been applied for Career Ladder and Optional Performance Incentive Programs.

District Sponsored Charter Schools (DSCS):

The enclosed report does not include data for district sponsored charter schools. If your district is planning on sponsoring one or more charter schools in Fiscal Year 1999-2000 please take the estimated charter school figures into account when preparing your budget.

Significant changes affecting the calculation of district sponsored charter schools will take effect in Fiscal Year 1999-2000. For instance values for district sponsored charter schools will not be used in the calculation of the Capital Outlay Revenue Limit, Soft Capital Allocation, or Additional Capital Assistance. Instead DSCS will receive Additional Assistance per pupil (K-8: \$1204.67, 9-12: \$1,404.01). Please refer to your budget worksheets for more information on the calculations for District Sponsored Charter Schools.

Enclosures

cc: County School Superintendents